

As provided in our federal Constitution's First Amendment, the one thing that protects Americans from losing the control of their government to powerful interests is freedom of speech. This freedom is meaningless without the power to use that freedom by concerned and informed Americans to inform the rest of Americans of the full and truthful facts. The power of the rich in American to severely limit that power exists. Your Commission, and, therefore, you individual Commissioners, have the awesome responsibility to take away much of that power.

I pray that you do not do this by adopting the proposed regulation that would allow the richest Americans to purchase and consolidate that power, as has been shown by the mistaken regulation allowing the consolidation of huge numbers of radio stations under a few owners. Such an act would go down in history as the burning of the Reichstag, the attack on Fort Sumpter and death of Socrates.

Be Americans first. You will be treasured and remembered for it.